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1. Method for reducing the allergen activity of rubber latex comprising incorporating an amount of starch in the rubber latex.

3. Method according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the amount of starch that is incorporated in the rubber latex is such that the allergen activity of said rubber latex is maximally 20%, preferably maximally 15%, more preferably maximally 10%, most preferably maximally 5% of the allergen activity of rubber latex without starch, as measured by a latex ELISA for antigenic proteins.

5. Method according to claim 4, characterized in that the modified starch is obtainable by gelatinising the starch in an extruder and subsequently crosslinking the starch with glyoxal.

30 7. Rubber latex having a reduced allergen
activity, which latex is obtained by a method as claimed
in claims 1-6.

8. Rubber latex article comprising rubber latex according to claim 7, wherein at least the surface contacting the skin of the user is fabricated from the said rubber latex.

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21. Use according to any of the preceding claims 17-20 characterized in that the starch is selected

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26. Surgical glove according to any of the preceding claims 22-25, **characterized in that** the starch
20 is selected from the group consisting of potato starch, corn starch, rice starch, or waxy corn starch.

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